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CALDWELL) ATTY DOCKET NO. **71886**
Serial No. **09/828,293**) Art Unit: **1722**
Confirmation No. **6595**) Examiner:
Filing Date: **APRIL 6, 2001**) **D. HECKENBERG, JR.**
For: **MANDREL-ASSISTED RESIN TRANSFER)**
MOLDING PROCESS EMPLOYING RESIN)
OUTFLOW PERIMETER CHANNEL)
BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE MOLD)
ELEMENTS)

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 25, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

The Requirement for Restriction, for the reasons set forth in the outstanding Office Action, is respectfully traversed.

Applicant considers the invention as claimed in Claims 1-9 to be directed to the same invention and not severally restrictable for the reasons set forth in the Office Action. In support of the restriction, it is alleged that the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. Applicant considers this allegation to be inaccurate.

Claim 1 of the present application specifies that the mold cavity receives a structural preform to be impregnated with resin. Thus, the apparatus, as claimed does indeed use a

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preform in the mold cavity, as also set forth in step (c) of claim 5. Withdrawal of the requirement and a complete action on the merits of all the claims presented, namely claims 1-9, are, accordingly, earnestly solicited.

Still, in order to be responsive to the particular requirement that has been made in the outstanding Office Action, Applicant provisionally elects the invention defined in claims 5-9, directed to the resin transfer molding process.

Favorable reconsideration of this application and a complete action on the merits of claims 1-9 are respectfully solicited.

If any extension and/or fee is required, authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. **01-0484**.

Respectfully submitted,

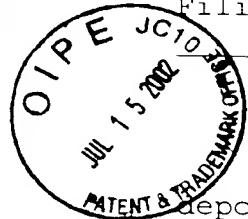
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